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Caire

The Holy City of Caire was the heart of the Cairen Empire or Raihir Caerani, the founding Empire of the current Historical era in Aristasia Pura, established some 3,300 years ago. Rayanna the Sun-Daughter was its founder. The early mission of the Cairen Empire was to expel the outlander and establish the Divine Order throughout the Aristasian lands. Its later role was to unify and administer the widespread Empire.

Several Eastern realms and monarchies are held to be the direct descendants of Caire. The situation is not one of conflict and confusion, but of different arrangements prevailing in different places.

The Flag of Caire

The flag of the Cairen Empire shows a red sun on a golden ground. The rays of the sun combine both the orthogonal and the diagonal cross, representing the extension of a world -order in all possible directions of material space, while the governing Celestial principle is represented by the central Sun. This expresses the Imperial ideal: both the early mission of the Cairen Empire to expel the outlander and establish the Divine Order throughout the Aristasian lands and the later task of unifying and administering the widespread Empire.

The heart in the microcosm of the body is the incarnation of the sun in the macrocosm of the universe, and just as the sun supplies the surrounding world with warmth and light necessary for life, s the heart supplies the whole body with its life-blood. Thus the Sun of the Imperial flag is also the Solar Heart of the Empire, and the rays are like the many paths to and from the Holy City of Caire. The saying "All roads lead to Caire" has a clearly metaphysical significance, as does the designation of such roads as "arterial".

The Cairen Imperial Flag represents, at the highest level, Dea as the Supernal Sun at the centre of Her created

universe and at the lower of "political" level the Imperial City providing the lifeblood of the Empire, the maternal nourishment of civilisation and order. One may also note here a reflection of the relation between wisdom and method (often illustrated by the parallel of the blind maid carrying the lame maid — for the blind maid has the material power to walk, being method or substance, and the lame maid has the spiritual power to see, being Wisdom or Essence). The arterial rays transmit the life-light or lifeblood of the Spirit to the Empire, while the arterial roads also bring material support — food, goods, servants etc — to the Capital.

The Solar Centre represents the Celestial City at the heart of the Empire, the Temple-Palace at the heart of the city, the Imperial Throne at the heart of the Palace, the Solar Empress, Incarnation of the Sun at the heart of the throne, and the Divine Solar Heart — the essence of her incarnated ancestral divinity — at the centre of the Empress herself.

The two colours of the Cairen Imperial Flag represent the two qualities of the sun: light (gold) and warmth (red) which are respectively Wisdom (or Solar Intelligence) and Love, the two Divine Nutrients of the Empire.

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